**NATIONAL ASTHMA RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**PhD SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applicants for Asthma Australia PhD Scholarships are assessed on the extent to which they address the three (3) criteria below. Please refer to Asthma Australia’s [National Asthma Research Program](https://asthma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/AA-NARP_2020_Web.pdf) priority areas when assessing applications. The category descriptors provide peer reviewers with some benchmarks for appropriately scoring each application.

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| **Category Descriptions** | Mark | Weight |
| Academic record and research achievement (relative to opportunity), signified by: |
| * Academic record
* Medals, prizes and awards
* Publications
* Presentations, including posters and presentations
* Broader community engagement
* Industry relevant experience
* Supervisor and Independent Referee reports
 | Outstanding (4) | **50%** |
| Very good (3) |
| Satisfactory (2) |
| Poor/limited (1) |
| Impact and quality of proposed research and applicability to Asthma Australia’s National Asthma Research Program Priorities |
| * Has objectives that are **well-defined**
* Is **very well** designed
* Is **highly feasible**
* Will make an **excellent** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations
* Has a **strong** **focus** on **one or more** of the National Asthma Research Program priority areas
 | Outstanding (4) | **30%** |
| * Has objectives that are **clear**
* Is **well** designed
* Is **feasible**
* Will make a **good** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations
* Has a **focus** on the National Asthma Research Program priority area/s
 | Very good (3) |
| * Has objectives that are **adequately defined**
* **Overall clear** research design**, but raises some concerns**
* **Raises some concerns** with respect to feasibility
* Will make a **satisfactory** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations
* Has **some implications** for a National Asthma Research Program priority area
 | Satisfactory (2) |
| * Has objectives that are **unclear**
* **Raises major concerns** with respect to the research design
* **Raised major concerns** with respect to the feasibility
* Will make a **limited** contribution to the applicant’s future career aspirations
* Has **no implications** for a National Asthma Research Program priority area
 | Poor/limited (1) |
| The Research environment and supervisor: |
| * Are **well matched** to the applicant’s proposed project
* Offer **high quality** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant
* Offer **excellent** collaborative opportunities for the applicant
* Offer **excellent** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills
 | Outstanding (4) | **20%** |
| * Are **suited** to the applicant’s proposed project
* Offer **good quality** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant
* Offer **good** collaborative opportunities for the applicant
* Offer **good** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills
 | Very good (3) |
| * Are **somewhat suited** to the applicant’s proposed project
* Offer **satisfactory** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant
* Offer **satisfactory** collaborative opportunities for the applicant
* Offer **satisfactory** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills
 | Satisfactory (2) |
| * Are **not suited** to the applicant’s proposed project
* Offer **limited** research support systems and mentoring for the applicant
* Offer **limited** collaborative opportunities for the applicant
* Offer **limited** potential to extend the applicant’s knowledge and skills
 | Poor/limited (1) |